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FOR DEPT OF JUSTICE L.W. CHAMBLEE, J/CRIM

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN, EFIN
SUBJ: U.S. VS. MANAFZADEH: CHASE MANHATTAN' BANK REQUEST
FOR IRANIAN BANK DOCUMENT

REF: (A) STATE 097220, (B) TEHRAN 03805

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT EMBASSY SHOULD
REQUEST INFORMATION DESCRIBED HEREAFter THROUGH GOI CHANNELS.

1. CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OFFICIAL WILLIAM KAUFMANN (VICE PRES.
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION, NY) RETURNED TO U.S.
JUNE 7 AFTER SEVERAL DAYS INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES IN TEHRAN CON-
CERNING CHASE'S CIVIL ACTION AGAINST IRANIAN CITIZEN EKRAM
MANAFZADEH.

(EMBASSY IS UNAWARE WHETHER THIS SUIT IS SAME AS REFERRED TO IN
REF A; WE UNDERSTAND ISSUE HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPLICATED WITH
ADDITIONAL SUITS EITHER IN PROCESS OR CONTEMPLATED). INVESTIGA-
TION CENTERED ON ALLEGATIONS BY MANAFZADEH THAT IN LATE 1976 HE
INSTRUCTED PAYMENTS TO BE MADE FROM HIS IRANIAN BANK ACCOUNT TO
A CERTAIN IRANIAN COMPANY. KAUFMANN SAID THAT FBI HAD IDENTIFIED
BANK ACCOUNT AS NUMBER 6206 IN BRANCH 1445 OF BANK SADERAT.
SADERAT OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THIS TO KAUFMANN, SAYING ACCOUNT WAS
CLOSED IN 1974. COMPANIES REGISTRATION OFFICE, MINISTRY OF
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JUSTICE, DID NOT HAVE THE ALLEGED RECIPIENT COMPANY LISTED.

2. NONEXISTENT BANK ACCOUNT AND COMPANY AT TIME OF ALLEGED
TRANSACTION CONSIDERED BY CHASE HIGHLY MATERIAL TO ITS LEGAL
ACTION. BUT NEITHER BANK SADERAT, OWING TO SECRECY PROVISION
OF BANKING LAW, NOR COMPANIES REGISTRATION OFFICE WILL PROVIDE
INFORMATION IN WRITING UNLESS THEY RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM THE

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WHICH, EMBASSY IS INFORMED, SHOULD
RESPOND POSITIVELY TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUEST.
CHAWE (KAUFMANN) THUS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASSIST BY INITIATING
THE REQUEST TO MFA. EMBASSY, HAVING DETERMINED THAT SUCH WRITTEN
INFORMATION WAS UNAVAILABLE BY LESS FORMAL MEANS, SAID IT WOULD
SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.
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